





## To-day's Advertisements.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 26.  
THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE OF CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 10th day of February, 1896, at 10 a.m., are published for general information.

By Command,  
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 25th January, 1896. 260

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction, to be held on MONDAY, the 10th day of February, 1896, at 4 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of the Crown Land, at Yuenai, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 70 years.

## Particulars of the Lot.

Lot No.	Locality.	Boundary	Area	Value
1.	Yuenai, Kowloon.	ft. in. ft. in.	100 00 100 00	1,000 00 1,000 00

## PUBLIC AUCTION

VALUABLE OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN, CURIOS AND EMBROIDERIES.

THE Undernamed has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY,

the 8th February, 1896, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

(Having just arrived from the North.)

A MOST VALUABLE AND EXCEPTIONAL GOOD COLLECTION OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN, CURIOS, AND EMBROIDERIES, MANY VERY RARE AND VALUABLE SPECIMENS OF MING, KANGHI, YUNGCHING, K'IENTUNG, AND OTHER PORCELAIN IN FIVE COLORS, BLUE AND WHITE, ARTS, GREEN, HAWTHORN, IMPERIAL AND MANY OTHER DECORATIONS.

VERY RARE SANS DE BOURG, OLD PEKIN CHINESE from MING, DOWNWARDS, OLD JADE, OLD SOOCHOW LAQUER, CARVED RHINOCEROS HORNS AND OTHER CURIOS, PORCELAIN MOUNTED SCREENS, OLD PEKIN STUFF-BOTTLES AND OTHER CURIOS.

Also,

A FINE LOT OF SILK EMBROIDERIES, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale. On View from Friday, the 7th February.

Terms of Sale.—As customary.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,

Auctioneer.

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THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ninth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 4, Praya Central, at 12 o'clock (noon), on MONDAY, the 17th February next, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1895.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 17th February, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,

Secretary.

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PINILLUS LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, ANTWERP, BARCELONA, CADIZ AND MANILA.

THE Steamship *Barcelona* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Goods by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 9th instant will be subject to sale. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 10th instant, otherwise they will not be recognized. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

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GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship *Glenora* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Goods by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 9th instant will be subject to sale. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 10th instant, otherwise they will not be recognized. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship *Yokohama*, Captain Nishimura, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 7th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

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## THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL  
Under distinguished Patronage of H.E. the GOVERNOR.

## CONCERT

BY SIGNORINA VICTORIA FERREY,  
ASSISTED BY SEVERAL LEADING AMATEURS.

TUESDAY,  
February 11th, at 8.15 p.m.

SEATS can be booked at Messrs. KELLY & WALES, Ltd.

PRICES AS USUAL.  
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TO ALL TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Rev. CHRISTIAN GUTLEBRUGH, the President of the BASIL EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY in the Colony of Hongkong and holding the said appointment, intends at an early date to apply to the Honorable the Legislative Council of Hongkong for a Bill for the Incorporation of the said BASIL EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY, and for the vesting in such Corporation of certain Properties at present vested in the Reverend RUDOLPH LUTHER, GUSTAV ADOLPH GUSMANN and LUTHER CHRISTIAN REUSE together, or in the Reverend Christian Gottlieb Reuse solely, or in other persons as Agents or Trustees of the said Society.

MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS,  
Solicitor for the President in Hongkong of the Basil Evangelical Missionary Society.

18, Bank Buildings,  
Hongkong, February 3, 1896. 270

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 14 Praya Central, on Monday, the 24th February, 1896, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1895.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
R. COOKE,  
Acting General Manager.

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TO LET.

DWELLING HOUSES—

HOUSES IN RIVER TERRACE,  
No. 3, ALSTON TERRACE,  
No. 17, LIVERPOOL TERRACE,  
No. 10, STURGEON TERRACE,  
PEAK. Semi-detached, side Windows facing South. Good Tennis Court. Rent—\$40, Unfurnished; \$55, Furnished.

No. 6 VICTORIA VIEW, Kowloon.

TOP FLOOR of No. 4, BLUE BUILDINGS.

Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.,  
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Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND

ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong.

Capt. (via Nagasaki), Tuesday, March 3, at noon.

Capt. (via Yokohama), Saturday, Mar. 21, at noon.

Capt. (via Nagasaki), Wednesday, April 8, at noon.

Capt. (via Yokohama), at noon.

THE Steamship *COPTIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA AND YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 5th March, at Noon, connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all transatlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Freight Packages should be marked to address to full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agents of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.

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## ADDRESSES AND PRESENTATION TO DR. CANTLIE.

AN ADDRESS from the Residents of Hongkong and a SERVICE of SILVER PLATE.

Also,  
An ADDRESS from the HONGKONG COLLEGE of MUSIC for CHINESE and the CHINESE STAFF of the ALICE MEMORIAL and NETHERBOLT HOSPITALS will be presented to DR. CANTLIE at the City Hall, Chamber of Commerce Room, at 4 o'clock on the Afternoon of WEDNESDAY, the 5th February, 1896.

Ladies and Gentlemen are invited to be present.

C. MURRAY ADAMSON,  
Hon. Secretary.

J. C. THOMSON,  
Hon. Secretary.

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## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Tantulus*, Captain HANNAH, will be despatched to TO-MORROW, the 4th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

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## THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, &c.

The Co.'s Steamship *Kaiso*, Captain HANNAH, will be despatched to TO-MORROW, the 4th instant, at 4 o'clock p.m.

For Freight, apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

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## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FOR MARSEILLES.

(Taking Cargo through to HAVRE and LONDON.)

The Steamship *Dordogne*, Captain A. BLANC, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 4th February, at 5 p.m.

For Freight, apply to C. TOURNIAIRE, Acting Agent.

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## THE CHINA &amp; MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship *Zofra*, Captain COBMAN, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 5th instant, at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN & Co., General Managers.

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## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Fakho*, Captain SWIRE, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 6th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

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## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.

The Co.'s Steamship *Maki Maru*, Capt. F. BROWN, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 7th instant, at 9 o'clock a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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## SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship *Rudolf*, Capt. DAVIS, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 11th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

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## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

February 1.—

*Karlruhe*, German str., 8,450, H. Walter, Shanghai January 30, Mails and General.

—MORRIS & Co.

February 2.—

*Kansu*, British steamer, from Canton, Desima, German str., from Canton.

*Tantulus*, British steamer, 2,360, W. T. Hannah, Manchester via Liverpool Dec. 22, and Singapore Jan. 27, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

*Jeep*, British steamer, 1,314, Burgoyne, Yokohama and Moji January 27, Coal.—DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.

*Kansu*, British steamer, 2,336, E. W. Hall, Amoy February 1, General.—HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

*Amigo*, German str., 771, P. Hommel, Bangkok (Ang-kio) January 25, Rice.—JASSER & Co.

*Freight*, British steamer, 1,064, T. C. M.

Wabu and Chinkiang January 25, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

*Dordogne*, French steamer, 2,738, C. E. Blanc, Shanghai January 30, General.—MORRIS & Co.

*Thoko*, German steamer, 2,500, E. Christian, Kola January 27, General.—STAMER & Co.

*Barcelona*, Spanish steamer, 2,726, Eduardo Fano, Manila January 30, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

February 3.—

*Roosang*, British steamer, from Canton, Brankilde, German str., 840, F. Bibbe, Bangkok Jan. 24, Rice.—TUO KAM & Co.

*Phra Chula Chom Klao*, British steamer, 1,012, B. Pigot, Bangkok Jan. 26, Rice at General.—TUO KAM & Co.

*Tai Yick*, German str., 133, N. Emke, Saigon, Jan. 20, Rice and Paddy.—MYR & Co.

*Wing Hong*, British steamer, 217, C. B. Maddox, Swatow February 2, General.—CHI WO & Co.

*Kashing*, British str., 1,153, F. Hopkins, Shanghai January 29, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

*Hohenzollern*, German steamer, 3,287, P. Wetling, Japan (Nagasaki) January 29, Mails and General.—MORRIS & Co.

*Glenora*, British steamer, 1,790, E. Norton, London and Singapore January 29, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

DEPARTURES.

February 2.—

*Mellourne*, for Shanghai.

*Kansu*, for Wuhu.

*Kiang Pak*, for Canton.

*China*, for Saigon.

*Belgia*, for Amoy and San Francisco.

*Udo*, for Saigon.

*Achilles*, for Singapore and London.

*Hanoi*, for Haiphong.

*Kaiser*, German ship, for Amoy.

*Arne*, German cruiser, for Amoy.

February 3.—

*John R. Kelly*, for New York.

*Chengyang*, for Shanghai.

*Udo*, for Amoy.

*Kashing*, for Canton.

*Peking*, for Canton.

*Fushin*, for Canton.

CLEARED.

*Adova*, for Shanghai.

*Wing Hong*, for Swatow.

*Wuolun*, for Saigon.

*Kaiso*, for Singapore and London.

*Belgia*, for Amoy.

*Tantulus*, for Shanghai.

*Triumph*, for Hoihow.

*Kueiyang*, for Bangkok.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Karlruhe*, from Shanghai, Messrs E. Schmidt, H. Schmidt, R. Lindner, B. Buschmann, Dr. Arendt, Messrs E. R. Jellison, H. Krebs, Miss Oadwallader, E. Warnken, Sister May, and 60 Chinese.

Per *Triumph*, from Hoihow, 39 Chinese.

Per *Tantulus*, from Manchester, &c., Mr. Ryde, and Mr. M. M. Kueibin.

Per *Jeep*, from Yokohama, Mrs. Austin and family.

Per *Kansu*, from Amoy, 460 Chinese.

Per *Amigo*, from Amoy, 19 Chinese.

Per *Fushin*, from Wuhu and Chinkiang, 4 Chinese.

Per *Brankilde*, from Bangkok, 32 Chinese.

Per *Phra Chula Chom Klao*, from Bangkok, 60 Chinese.

Per *Tai Yick*, from Saigon, 11 Chinese.

Per *Wing Hong*, from Swatow, 69 Chinese.

Per *Hohenzollern*, from Yokohama, &c., Mr. Albrecht, Capt. Bond, Messrs Davis, Johnstone, Chodler, McCallum, Henderson, Davis, Masuda, Captains Mitake, Nonabe, Sato and Tsunamoto, and 6 Chinese.

Per *Glenora*, from London, &c., Messrs Nind and Killale, and 650 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Belgia*, for Nagasaki, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, and 4 Japanese; for Yokohama, Messrs H. P. Wadman, J. A. Polakoff, T. D. McKay, W. Bishop, P. S. Waitall, and 3 Chinese; for San Francisco, Prince A. Dolgorouki, and Rev. G. A. Lefroy, and Mr. W. M. Scholers; for New York, Miss L. Cunningham; for London, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Featon and daughter, and Mrs. Glover; for Paris, Lieut. A. A. Lopes Navarro.

Per *Lightning*, for Calcutta, Rev. MacLagan, Messrs MacLagan, and Scobaden, Saif Ali Khan; for Singapore, Mrs. Cheong Sam, Miss Cheong, Lieutenant Douglas, Miss Chen, Miss Chin, Miss Heng Sam, Mrs. Tsang Yoo, Mr. and Mrs. Ip Loong, Miss and Mrs. Batin and 3 daughters; for Penang, Mr. D. E. Daniel, Mr. Shum Pak Tong.

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On Sunday, the German cruiser *Kaiser* and *Iron* left Hongkong for Amoy.

Mr. James Macgregor, senior partner of the well-known firm of Messrs Macgregor, Gow & Co. (of the "Glen" line of steamers) died in London on the 23rd January.

The London and China Express states that the master of the Hongkong Sanitary Board and the medical officer is not yet settled, but is under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

The appointment of the following police officers to be Disputes of nuisances is gazetted:—Inspector D. Bremner, Acting Inspector D. Hall, and Temporary Sergeant P. McNab.

The movement of the Rifle Brigade from Hongkong to Singapore, announced by us some weeks ago, is now advised from England. The change is expected to be made about October or November next.

The Renter Company intends to prosecute those newspapers in India and Burma which have been pirating its service of telegrams. Proceedings have been instituted in Bangkok against the *Siam Observer* for piracy.

We note the re-appearance of the *Echo* Macao, which, together with the *Ves de Crant*, was ordered by the Macao Government to suspend publication a few months ago for libelling one another.

A correspondent calls our attention to the fact that at noon to-day there were in the Harbour (exclusive of vessels in Dock and bulks like the *Messias* and *Victor Emanuel*) 52 steamers, 11 sailing vessels, 11 men-of-war, and 3 river steamers—a total of 77.

We regret to record the death of an old resident, Mr. John R. White, who died in Macao on Saturday. He has resided in Hongkong and Macao for a generation, and is well known amongst the residents of both Colonies. He was an old member of the Masonic brotherhood, and a number of his Masonic friends accompanied his funeral.

It was erroneously stated by us on Saturday, from information supplied, that a fire took place at No. 30 Queen's Road Central, and that the shop was insured for \$2,400 with the China Fire Insurance Coy. Ltd. The fire occurred at No. 302 Queen's Road Central, and the China Fire Insurance Coy. Ltd. have no interest whatever in it.

A large seizure of opium was effected on board the steamer *Benlomad* at Singapore on the 24th January, shortly after she arrived from Hongkong. 124 tins of illicit opium being found hidden away amongst some cabbages and fruit on the upper deck. Two men, Chinese passengers, were arrested and were taken before the Magistrate, who fined them \$300 each, or in default a year's imprisonment.

Another complaint by J. Dermody, master of the *Highland Forest*, was disposed of at the Marine Magistrate's Court to-day. Gustav Fleming was charged with wilfully disobeying lawful commands of the master and absconding himself from the ship without leave on 31st January. It was stated defendant refused to work on Sunday. Sentence of twenty-eight days' hard labour was passed. After the sentence was pronounced, prisoner remarked he would not do any more work on the ship.

Two more friends at Hongkong and the Coast ports of John Cornforth will regret to learn of his death at West-Harlem on the 27th December last, from blood-poisoning. Mr. Cornforth came to Hongkong in 1868, and left China in 1878. Some time after his return home he became a partner in the now extensive shipwrecking firm of Gadsden and Cornforth, West-Harlem, of which place he was a native. His friends will remember Mr. Cornforth as a very popular member of our shipping community here.

We learn that the whole of the pupils presented by the British Rowland College for examination by Dr. Rital have passed successfully, a very creditable record considering the vicissitudes and trials of this young institution in the early stages of its career. It is under the care of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Sketchny, who deserve to be congratulated on the success they have already achieved. The Rowland School is now one of the established institutions of the peninsula, which has risen rapidly in public favour.

This public address and presentation to Dr. Cantile and also the address to Dr. Cantile from the Hongkong College of Medicine for Chinese and the official staff of the Alliance Memorial and Netherland Hospitals will be presented in the City Hall (Chamber of Commerce Room) on the afternoon of Wednesday next, the 5th inst., at four o'clock. The public, including ladies, are expected to attend in large numbers. We understand that the presentation of the public address and silver plate will be made by Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., and the address from the College and Hospitals by the Hon. J. H. Stewart, Lieutenant Colonel Secretary, who represents the College as Rector and the Hospitals as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The final dividend of the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd., is to be 44 per cent. This makes 75 per cent for the year.

It is currently reported amongst the Chinese at Shanghai interested in shipping, that Chang Ching-shan has issued orders to the effect that the river steamers under his control are to be disposed with European navigators and engineers, the appointments to be taken by natives. If this is correct, and if the recent wholesale grounding of Chinese vessels under control of native pilots on the Yangtze is to be taken as a sample of Chinese navigation still, it will not be long ere the owners will find it necessary to order a new river fleet to replace those sure to be lost through native inexperience. We hope for the sake of the Europeans employed that the report is unfounded.—*Mercury*.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad Company is about to open an agency in Calcutta, a significant indication of the development of traffic from India by that route. A few years ago the number of passengers across the Pacific might be numbered on one's fingers, but it is now an extraordinary number of over a hundred on board. The goods traffic is also increasing, shipments of Indian tea in particular having, since the Chicago Exhibition, begun to assume respectable dimensions.—*Times of Ceylon*.

Owens to increase of Business, W. Robinson & Co. have removed their Piano and Organ showrooms to Connaught House—large stock—low prices.

WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY LIMITED.

The seventh ordinary meeting of this Company was held in the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, to-day. Hon. C. P. Chatter presided. The other gentlemen present were:—Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Mr. M. D. Ezekiel (Director); Messrs E. A. Harton, C. Inchbald, A. B. Johnson, P. Jordan, H. N. Mody, G. H. Potts, M. S. Sassoon, C. S. Sharp, and J. Y. V. Varoun.

The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, with your permission we will take the Report and Accounts for the past year, which have been in your hands for some days, as read. You will observe that the profit shown for the period under review amounts to \$5,944.78, as against \$5,012.07 for the previous year. Our returns show a decrease of \$9,721.83. This is accounted for by the fact that in the previous year the Government rented the whole of the vacant floors during the time of the Plague for the sum of \$7,345.12, in addition to which several of the tenants rented the whole of the vacant floors on account of the business necessities. In the first month of 1895 the gross rental of the floors which were let amounted to about \$1,670 per month, in August to \$1,400, but since then, when a recovery set in, the number of floors let have risen considerably, and to-day the gross rental of each floor is about \$282 to be let, and these we have every hope of filling very shortly. But the large number of tenements similar to our own which are still to be let in the Colony has necessitated our considerably reducing the rental of each floor to what we have commenced to let them for, but your Directors deemed it advisable to get tenants, at comparatively low rents rather than keep the property vacant.

Turning to the expenses for working the Company, there is an increase of about \$400 for the year, which we have in commission to Agents of about \$200. For the coming year there will be considerable increase under the head of Fire Insurance owing to the new increased tariff agreed upon by the Insurance Companies, and in the increase of the insurable value of the premises on account of extra cost of building materials etc., but as against this I am pleased to inform you that the amount to be paid as interest on your mortgages will be very much lessened, as your Directors have made arrangements for mortgaging the property at a lower rate of interest than formerly, which we have been able to do with some satisfaction. It does not occur to me to make any further remarks, but I shall be pleased to answer any questions any shareholder may desire to ask.

Mr. A. B. Johnson said—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, it is very gratifying to hear that the rents have increased to \$1895 for January, and I hope they will go on increasing at the same rate if possible, and that the ground floors facing the sea have been occupied. I think the policy of getting tenants at a small rental, so as to warm the houses, is a good one. I am glad to hear the interest on the mortgage is going to be reduced from 7 to 6 per cent. I do not think you have told us from what date that will take place.

The Chairman—As soon as the money is available from the mortgage.

Mr. Johnson—That will be soon?

The Chairman—In the course of a month or six weeks.

There being no further question, the Chairman moved the confirmation of the report.

Agreed unanimously.

The Chairman said—The Hon. J. J. Kewick and Mr. J. S. Moss having left the Colony, the Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving and Mr. D. Ezekiel have been invited to join the Board in their places. This requires confirmation.

Mr. P. Jordan—I beg to propose the re-election of Mr. Chatter and Mr. Bell-Irving as Directors.

Mr. Sassoon—I have much pleasure in seconding.

Mr. Mody—I beg to propose Mr. M. D. Ezekiel to be a director.

Mr. C. S. Sharp—I beg to second the confirmation.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, as there are only three Directors of this Company and as the Articles require three to form a Quorum of the Board, it is the desire of my colleagues and myself that the shareholders should appoint a fourth Director, for, in case of the absence of one of us, no Board can be held. The Articles preclude the Board from adding to the number and can only appoint a shareholder to fill a casual vacancy. It is therefore necessary for the appointment to be made in a General meeting. I therefore propose that the number of the Board be increased from three to four, and I have much pleasure in proposing Mr. Ezekiel as a Director of this Company.

Mr. C. S. Sharp seconded.

Mr. Vernon—I beg to propose the re-election of Mr. Fullerton Henderson as a Director.

Mr. G. H. Potts—I have much pleasure in seconding the re-election of Mr. Fullerton Henderson.

The Chairman—The dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow morning.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

W. Robinson and Co. are Special Agents for all the leading English and Continental Pianoforte Manufacturers.

THE WANGHAI WAREHOUSE AND WHARFAGE CO. LIMITED.

The following is the Report for presentation to the Shareholders at the Fifth Ordinary Annual Meeting, to be held at the Office of the General Managers, at 3 p.m. on Monday, the 10th inst.:

The General Managers beg to submit to the Shareholders their Report on the working of the Company and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1895. The net profit of last year's working, including \$1,488.82 brought forward from last account, amount to \$11,708.05, out of which the General Managers have recommended to pay a dividend at the rate of eight per cent., absorbing \$7,800, to leave \$3,908.05 to the credit of a Reserve Fund, and to carry forward the balance of \$1,400.05 to new Profit and Loss Account. The buildings of the Company are in a fair state of repair.

Consulting Committee.—In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mr. P. S. Saeas and Mr. H. St. Johnstone retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditor.—The account has been audited by Mr. F. Henderson, whose re-election is recommended.

MEYER & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1896.

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG.

The fifth annual meeting of the members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong was held at the Shipbuilders on Friday evening last. Mr. G. Fenwick, vice-president, occupied the Chair. The Chairman, after a few appropriate remarks, congratulated the members on the satisfactory and sound condition of the position of the Institute, and moved the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented by the Managing Committee. This was agreed to unanimously. The following Members were elected as the Managing Committee for the coming year:—Messrs A. Bain, J. Kirkwood, W. K. Wylie, T. Kerr, J. Kyles, H. B. Bridger, E. J. Mann, J. B. Gossain, D. Macdonald, W. G. Winterburn, A. G. Aikman, D. Christie, and Mr. J. V. Kinghorn. Mr. J. B. Donnan was elected Hon. Treasurer. Mr. David Gillies was re-elected President. Messrs J. R. Medio and J. L. Prosser were appointed auditors. The following is the report on the year submitted by the Managing Committee:

The Committee of Management have the honour to present their Report for the year 1895. Since our last Annual Meeting the business of the Institute has been carried on with very much the same results as in former years, viz., a decrease in the number of Members, the total Membership being 289, Ordinary Members 135, Visiting Members 104, Honorary Members 4, Absent Members 46. The papers read at our year show a falling off in number. Mr. W. B. Bailey read a paper on "On the Kinetics of the Motion of a Ship," and Mr. W. G. Jack, of Hongkong, forwarded a paper on "Shipbuilding and Engineering in the Far East," which was read. The papers were received by the Members with much interest and gave a great deal of valuable information, and led to lively discussions. Notes of the papers and the proceedings duly recorded. The Gold Medal, kindly given by our worthy President, Mr. Gillies, to the Institute for the best paper read during the year 1894-95 has been won by Mr. G. Winterburn, for his paper on "The Screw Propeller." The Committee also presented with an illuminated Address by the Members on his departure for Home; the good feeling of the Members being responded to by that gentleman at a crowded Meeting held for the purpose. Our Dances and Smoking Concerts held during the year have been most warmly supported and appreciated by the Members and their numerous friends. The Managing Committee take this opportunity of returning their sincere thanks to the Members and other gentlemen who so kindly rendered assistance on those occasions. Mr. Gillies, President, has very kindly offered another Gold Medal to the Institute for the best paper read by a Member for the year 1895. The Committee also presented with an illuminated Address by the Members on his departure for Home; the good feeling of the Members being responded to by that gentleman at a crowded Meeting held for the purpose. 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